

## **KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting**

August 14, 2023

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

### **Attendees**

In Person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Mike Camp	KI7FQ
Mike Patterson	N6JGA

via Zoom:

Don Simon	NI6A
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Lorraine Schnurr	KN6CRT
Rhys Hiltner	AK6BA
Angela Jamerson	K6ZNA

### **Agenda:**

Call to order/logistics

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Agenda

Treasurer's report

Training and Operations

Mike Patterson N6JGA, ARRL East Bay Section Manager

New business

Fall SET

date Oct 14

New membership manager, Rhys AK6BA  
Volunteers for onboarding/elmering workgroup  
Albany Bulb Parks On The Air (POTA) activation report, Aug 5  
National Night Out radio report, Aug 1  
General invite to board meetings

Old business

KPH tour head count and dates  
Join form and roster follow-up

Outreach/PR/web

Tech./Infrastructure

Elmering

Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

Adjourn

Meeting called to order.

July membership meeting minutes approved

Meeting agenda approved

Treasurer's report: 1 new member this month

## **Training**

**Meeting speaker,** Mike Patterson N6JGA, ARRL East Bay Section Manager

- For many years the ARRL has been the radio amateur's advocate with the FCC and for legal matters. It is possible that the amateur radio bands might not still exist today without the ARRL's advocacy.
- ARRL newsletters for various interests are available to members via email. Members can choose which newsletters they receive using the settings in their profile.
- Times are changing at the ARRL. Membership has been declining and expenses are increasing.
- Several years ago unpopular decisions made in secrecy by previous ARRL board members resulted in a reorganization, new board members, and increased transparency.
- Membership costs have increased. In addition to higher dues, future printed magazine subscriptions will cost an additional \$25.
- The current financial situation is desperate, changes cannot be delayed any longer. There is no time to phase-in changes.
- A financial review is now planned for every two years.
- Incentives are being considered to increase membership.

## **Business session**

**Fall SET**

- The fall SET date will be Saturday, Oct. 14.

**Membership Manager**

- Rhys AK6BA volunteered to be membership manager for a trial period, to follow up with sign-ins from Field Day and the 4th of July festival.

**Elmering/Mentoring**

- More volunteers are needed to be available for elmering and mentoring.

**POTA**

- A club POTA event was arranged for Aug. 5 near the Albany Bulb.
- Because the event was arranged on short notice this time there were just a few participants but we will try for more advanced planning next time.
- 24 contacts were made over a time period that constituted 2 days as defined by UTC time.

**National Night Out**

- There were 29 registered NNO block parties in our area.
- The fire department was interested in to know how many people were at each gathering so Howdy KE6BEE and other members visited as many block parties as possible to report the count of participants..

**Visit and tour of KPH**

- Two tour dates have been set for Sep. 23 and 30.
- Because of space concerns the tours are limited to a maximum of 8 people.
- Some members have already signed up.

Meeting adjourned.